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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 9751

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, IR

SUBJ: IRANIAN LEND-LEASE DEBT

REF: STATE 234932

1. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED LEND-LEASE DEBT WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE ANSARY AT SOME LENGTH ON OCTOBER 5. ANSARY ADMITTED THAT HE HAD NOT TAKEN A HARD LOOK AT THIS ISSUE FOR SOME TIME. AFTER AMBASSADOR AGAIN WENT OVER HISTORY AND DEATILS OF PROBLEM, ANSARY MADE SOME NOTES AND PROMISED TO SEE WHAT HE COULD DO. HE INQUIRED AS TO THE STATUSOF THE DOCUMENTATION WHICH IRAN HAD PRESENTED ON THE COUNTER-CLAIMS. HE WAS TOLD THAT IT WAS "UNDER STUDY" AND THAT THE USG WOULD BE REACTING IN DUE COURSE. AMBASSADOR MADE IT CLEAR TO ANSARY THAT WE REGARDED THE COUNTER-CLAIMS AS HAVING "DUBIOUS PARENTAGE". NEVERTHELESS, THEY HAVE BECOME PART OF THIS WHOLE BALL OF WAX. WHEN AMBASSADOR POINTEDOUT TO ANSARY THAT THERE MIGHT BE CONGRESSIONAL HEARING BEFORE THE END OF OCTOBER WITH RESULTING ADVERSE PUBLICITY, HE COMMENTED, "I DON'T SEE HOW OUR PRESS IN THE UNITED STATES CAN BE ANY WORSE THAN IT IS."

2. EMBASSY WILL KEEP PUSHING THIS MATTER. SMALL RESULTS TO DATE CANNOT BE LAID TO LACK OF ATTENTION ON AMERICAN SIDE. GOI SIMPLY DOES NOT LIKE THIS ONE.
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